GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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PROTECT INDIAN AYURVEDIC AND OTHER MEDICAL SYSTEMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated to protect Indian Ayurvedic and other medical systems under Intellectual Property Rights (patent law); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): Traditional knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) is being developed to bring the knowledge about the medicinal use of plants already in the public domain in easily accessible and retrievable form to prevent patenting by others. Similar TKDL will be developed for knowledge available in Siddha and Unani Systems. Certain protections are already available under Patent Act.